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REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claim 39 has been added. Claims 1, 2, 6, 8-10, 12-18, and 39 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is being presented.

REASON FOR AMENDMENT:

The current Supplemental Amendment was necessitated by a clerical error. Page 2 (claims 1 and 2) of the June 25, 2003 Amendment was inadvertently not transmitted. Additionally, current new claim 39 was improperly labeled as claim 19, and claims 19-38, previously canceled in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed January 14, 2003, were omitted from the recitation of the claims.

The current Supplemental Amendment includes currently amended claims 1 and 2, and properly labeled new claim 39, as well as the proper recitation of all other claims.

All arguments responding to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2003 are contained in the June 25, 2003 Amendment.

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CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Supplemental Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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